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**The Week in Washington D.C. – April 8, 2013**

The House and Senate are back in session this week. Below you will find a listing of federal legislative activities that, in addition to movement on the President's FY 2014 Budget, the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of April 8, 2013.

**House Hearings**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

*President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposal with U.S. Department of the Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew* | 10:00 AM | Host: House Committee on Ways and Means | Full Committee

*Office of Management and Budget release of the FY14 Budget*

*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2014* | 10:00 AM | Host: Committee on Veterans' Affairs Full Committee

*Legislative Hearing* | 10 AM | Veterans Affairs Committee – Economic Opportunity Subcommittee:

[H.R. 357](#) - *GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013* - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA), for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary, to disapprove courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that do not charge tuition and fees for veterans at the same rate that is charged for in-state residents, regardless of the veteran's state of residence.

[H.R. 562](#) - *VRAP Extension Act of 2013* - Amends the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 to extend through June 30, 2014, the veterans retraining assistance program.

[H.R. 631](#) - *Servicemembers' Choice in Transition Act of 2013* - Amends provisions concerning the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense (DOD) (employment and job training assistance and related services for members of the Armed Forces being separated from active duty, and for their spouses) to require such Program to consist of at least five days of instruction as defined.

[H.R. 844](#) - *VetSuccess Enhancement Act* - Extends from 12 to 17 years after discharge or release from active-duty service the authorized period for veterans with service-connected disabilities to enroll in certain Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) vocational training and rehabilitation programs.

[H.R. 1305](#) - To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program.

Also scheduled to be heard: Draft bill entitled "*Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013*", and a draft bill entitled "To amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority to provide work-study allowance for certain activities by individuals receiving educational assistance by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

*Amtrak's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget: The Starting Point for Reauthorization* | 10:00 AM | Host: House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure | Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

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*2014 Appropriations: Energy and Water Hearing* | 10:00 AM | Host: House Appropriations Committee

*Barriers to Indian Housing Development* | 2:15 PM | Host: Senate Indian Affairs Committee

*Sustainable Housing Finance: Perspectives on Reforming FHA* | 10:00 AM | Host: House Appropriations Committee. Click [here](#) for the Committee memorandum.

#### **Thursday, April 11, 2013**

*2014 Appropriations: Labor, HHS, Education Hearing* | 10:00 AM | Host: House Appropriations Committee

*2014 Appropriations: Commerce, Justice Science Hearing* | 1:30 PM | Host: House Appropriations Committee

*Fiscal 2014 Budget Hearing* | 2:30 PM | Host: Senate Finance Committee

*Legislative Hearing* | 10 AM | Natural Resources Committee – Public Lands and Environmental Regulations Subcommittee:

[H.R. 1294](#) - *Self-Sufficient Community Lands Act*

[H.R. 818](#) - *Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act* - Declares that the bark beetle epidemic, drought, and deteriorating forest health conditions on National Forest System land and public lands, with the resulting imminent risk of devastating wildfires, is an imminent threat within the meaning of roadless area management regulations applicable to a state.

[H.R. 1345](#) – *Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2013*

#### **Friday, April 12, 2013**

*Fiscal 2014 Budget Hearing* – Kathleen Sebelius, Sec. of Health & Human Services | 9:00 AM | Host: House Ways and Means Committee

*2014 Appropriations Hearing: Agriculture, Rural, FDA* | 10:00 AM | Host: House Appropriations Committee

*2014 Appropriations Hearing: Commerce, Justice Science* | 10:00 AM | Host: House Appropriations Committee